

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re.:U.S. National Stage of PCT/IT2003/000053

Filed: May 26, 2005

LETTER

The above identified PCT application was amended during the international stage by providing an amended page 6 having handwritten amendments. A copy of the response to the Written Opinion is attached with a copy of amended page 6 as filed with the International Preliminary Examination Authority.

In the event there is difficulty in reading the handwritten amendment, the text of the amendatory subject matter is as follows:

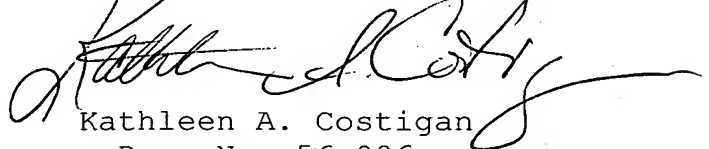
Inserted amendment to page 6, line 2:

"Advantageously each band element is engaged in a correspondingly diagonal separated slanted seats each having a length smaller than the diameter of the cylindric body formed on the outer surface of the cylindric body 11, of substantially U shape and, as in particular shown in fig. 5, the cleaning strips 14 or bristles are defined by different slits or cuts longitudinally parallel by extending through each band element."

Inserted amendment at page 6, line 21:

after "end" insert --cleaning-- and after "strips" insert --or bristles--

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